



Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

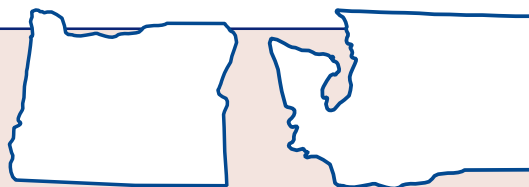
Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce, OR and WA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce (CREST) was selected to receive a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. CREST is a bi-state council of local governments with a focus on natural resource planning issues affecting the Columbia River Estuary. The counties of Clatsop, Pacific, and Wahkiakum (total population 60,000) are comprised of rural coastal communities with a combined total of 332 brownfield sites. Communities in this area all have a history of natural resource-based economies dependent on wood-product processing, commercial fishing, and fuels for land and marine transportation. These activities have left a legacy of petroleum contamination, underused properties, and economic distress. Many of the sites are along shorelines, jeopardizing residents who rely on



Revolving Loan Fund Grants

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\$1,000,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce (CREST) for a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. The grant will be used to capitalize a revolving loan fund from which the Taskforce will provide loans and subgrants to conduct cleanup activities at petroleum-contaminated sites within Clatsop County, Oregon, and Pacific and Wahkiakum Counties, Washington. Potential target sites include wood processing and marine-related industries, as well as properties involved in the manufacture and distribution of controlled substances.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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www.epa.gov/r10earth, click on "Superfund", scroll down and click on "Brownfields"

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Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce has not received brownfields grant funding.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

fishing for their diets. Cleanup of the port properties, which have high real estate values, is expected to benefit the local economy and promote healthy recreational areas for the community.